

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2005

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the February 8, 2005 board meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Ray made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten informed the Board that the current bills were before them and he would entertain a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Ray made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten introduced Kevin Seifried a representative of White County Farm Bureau. Mr. Seifried stated he was there to observe the meeting.

Mr. Charles Heflin, Director of the White County Ambulance Service stated that he had submitted his report in writing and in that report he had broken down the runs so that the Board could see what the Ambulance Service was doing.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, stated that the jail income was \$49,584.99 and the expense was \$68,092.29. He stated that the total prisoner population was 103 and only 26 were White County prisoners and the rest were being housed for other counties. Mr. Maier stated that the jail was housing for Vanderburgh County and they currently had 40 prisoners. Sheriff Maier stated that they had not received any payment, but the paperwork had finally been straightened out and we should receive some payment this month. Mr. Wooten asked Sheriff Maier how much Vanderburgh County had been billed for prisoner keep and the Sheriff replied around \$50,000.00.

Chairman Wooten stated that the budget Committee had met prior to the County Board meeting. He stated that the county officers were doing a great job in staying under budget, but the income was still not coming in. He stated that the county officers are \$8,000.00 under budget expenditures but the revenue is behind around \$353,000.00. Chairman Wooten stated that he had spoken with the Comptroller's Office and was told that there are several counties in worse financial shape than White County, but they would try to send some State reimbursements. Chairman Wooten asked elected officials to delay in major expenditure purchases until a further in the fiscal year if possible. Chairman Wooten stated that the General Fund Balance was \$453,000.00 the lowest it has been since December 1997.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to accept the resignation of Dennis Campbell to the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board. Mr. Ray made a motion to accept Mr. Campbell's resignation, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked that Roger Heckler be appointed to the 9-1-1 Board to replace Dennis Campbell. Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Heckler has experience in the emergency service field, which would qualify him to serve on that Board. Mr. Nelson made a motion to appoint Roger Heckler to the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Jack Bosaw, County Engineer presented a local agency agreement for federal participation for the removal of the old bridge and construction of a new bridge of Wilson Creek known as the Bootjack Corner Bridge. The local participation would be around \$23,000.00. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to approve the local agency agreement for the construction of Bootjack Corner Bridge, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Bosaw presented a preliminary construction engineering services agreement to resurface 4.88 miles of the Herald Blacktop. Mr. Bosaw estimated the cost of the project to be around \$400,000.00. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the agreement for the resurfacing of the Herald Blacktop, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider \$5,000.00 contribution to the White County Economic Development Group. Chairman Wooten stated that the \$5,000.00 was an annual expenditure and that it was included in the current budget. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to contribute \$5,000.00 to WEDG, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had been contacted by the Illinois Tourism Bureau to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Southeastern Illinois Visitors Bureau. Chairman Wooten explained that it was just a letter of support and there would be no financial commitment required by White County. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to approve a letter of support of the Southeastern Illinois Visitors Bureau, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten presented the following resolution for approval of the Board.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Board of White County authorizes submission of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a Basic Planning Grant and the commitment of local matching funds, and

WHEREAS, the seven-county region of the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, comprised of Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White Counties has been designated as an Economic Development District, and,

WHEREAS, the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission desires financial assistance from the Economic Development Administration for the purpose of planning and implementing programs to stimulate economic development through a multi-county effort of Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White Counties,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of White County authorizes the submission of an application to the Economic Development Administration to continue the economic development planning process in the Greater Wabash Economic Development District. Also, be it resolved that the County Board of White county authorizes and commits matching funds in the amount of five thousand, seventy dollars (\$5,070.00).

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005.

Ron Wooten, Chairman

Paula Dozier, County Clerk

Mr. Trout made a motion to adopt the resolution for participation and submission of the basic planning grant for the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that he would entertain a motion that White County continues participation in the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Nelson made a motion to continue in the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mr. Trout made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

